GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SCHEDULE M MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints about manufacturing of sub-standard medicines in excise free States, in pharma companies set up after 2005 under Schedule M;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of deaths reported as a result sub-standard medicines;

(c) whether the introduction of Schedule M drugs have any adverse impact on the competitiveness of generic medicines manufactured by small scale units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) No. The office of Drugs Controller General (India) has informed that sub-standard medicines are not permitted to be manufactured in the country under the provision of the Drug and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and that office has not received any such information.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.